

do not and cannot exercise a joint sovereignty over the souls of men. One or the other will get pre-eminence. It is easy to see that if a man excludes the principles of Christianity at the threshold of his place of business matters cannot go well with him. In worldly affairs he may hold his own, but how will it be with his moral and spiritual nature? What shall it profit a man? But then the struggle is so keen and merciless that to carry out in business affairs the exalted morality of the Gospel will be to lose the race. Not necessarily. Riches may not be made so speedily, but the law of the kingdom has not been set aside. There is a blessing still on all honest industry, and the man who is diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, may confidently look for the fulfillment of the promise that the blessing of God maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow. The conduct of business in accordance with the doctrines taught by Christ and His apostles would dignify and ennoble the men engaged therein, and many of the sordid and unlovely characteristics, often too visible, would become much rarer than they now are. The principles of the Gospel, faithfully carried into actual practice, would act as a solvent on many of the perplexing problems of the time. The omnious conflict between capital and labour, employer and employee, could readily find a permanent adjustment on the basis of the Golden Rule. In the teaching of Jesus Christ there is an inexhaustible store of reserve power for the benefit and blessing of mankind. One of the needs of the time is its resolute practice in every-day life. It is not the hearer, but the doer, of the Word—that is blessed.

PROFESSOR W. G. JORDAN.

The Chancellor's lectures this year at Queen's University at the Alumni Conference, given by Rev. Professor W. G. Jordan, D.D., afford the opportunity of congratulating Queen's in having on its staff a man of Dr. Jordan's scholarship and personality. Of admirable literary style and deep learning, he is one of the most unassuming of men. His popularity with the students is creditable alike to their heads and hearts. He has a warm and kindly interest in the young men of the University, desiring to see them make the most of themselves, and willing to give them whatever personal assistance he can. Queen's has a knack of getting hold of strong men, and among these Prof. W. G. Jordan is an outstanding figure.

The Nile flood this year has been the lowest recorded in a century, with the exception of the one in 1877. That flood was followed by a close approach to famine; but this year is one of the best that Egypt has ever known. Of old a scanty rise in the Nile waters meant poverty to Egypt, but the great dams, barrages, weirs and reservoirs which have been constructed in recent years have so changed the state of affairs that the second feeblest Nile in a century has given Egypt the greatest cotton crop it ever knew. Another barrage is now nearing completion, and it is expected that when it is completed the irrigation of even the higher lands will be guaranteed, no matter how feeble the Nile overflow may be. Surely this is a signal triumph for twentieth-century skill and twentieth-century methods. Under British rule Egypt seems to be budding and blossoming as the rose.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAN W.F.M.S. Annual Meeting Indicates Progress.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this society met in Stewarton Church on the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th Nov. There was an attendance of 63 delegates and under the presidency of Mrs. Alexander the business of the association was commenced and pushed through in an orderly and expeditious manner. All the reports showed that the missionary spirit is in the ascendancy in the various congregations heard from. The efforts are not all in one direction; much time and thought is given to obtaining literature of a missionary character and to the proper distribution of it. Clothing and goods in kind are generously donated to the Northwest, besides the following contributions of money that have been sent direct to the presbyterial treasurer, Miss Gibson: Aylmer, \$19; Bristol Brick church, \$104; Bristol, Knox church, \$36.80; Carp \$50; Chelsea, \$4; Cumberland, \$46.34; Fallowfield, \$8; Hawkesbury, \$68.37; Kenmore, \$42.50; Kinburn, \$19.60; Manotick, \$86.50; Masham, \$36.30; Merivale, \$44.50; Metcalfe, \$56; Russell, \$47.45; South Gloucester, \$44.38; Wakefield, \$43.40; Vernon, \$34; Buckingham, \$7; Ottawa—Bank Street, \$125; Bethany \$47.50; Erskine, \$14.15; Glebe, \$106; Knox, \$199.05; McKay, \$97.26; St. Andrew's, \$234.10; St. Paul's, \$91; Stewarton, \$50; total from auxiliaries, \$2,037.20; from mission bands, \$358.44; collections, \$44.72; making a grand total of \$2,440.36.

Miss E. H. Gibson, treasurer, gave a detailed account of the finances, showing receipts of \$2,734.96, an increase of \$617.96 over last year, the total amount raised since organization \$30,702.04. The present membership is 704 with 27 auxiliaries and membership of auxiliaries and bands, 1,307.

The secretary of supplies estimated the value of the annual bazaar for Abou-sait, B.C., at \$630.30 and the one for the Indian reserve at \$50, a combined increase of \$145.60 over the previous year. The secretary of Tidings, Miss McNicol, stated the total number of subscribers to be 880 and in the literature course the work taken up generally is a study of the New Hebrides and life as seen in these islands.

The dedicatory prayer was then offered by Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, of Bank St. Church.

Then followed a bright paper by Mrs. John Thorburn, first, and for ten years president of the society, entitled "Reminiscences of the Ottawa Presbyterian Society," in which the difficulties met with in the early stages of the work were indicated, as well as the steady growth in membership and finance.

At the conclusion of this paper a "Mission Band" exercise was given by members of the Band, followed by the reports of the various Mission Bands.

Mrs. Alexander read a telegram from Mrs. Gardiner, now of Toronto, expressive of sympathy and good-will in the work.

The closing prayer was offered by Miss Baylie Hall and the meeting adjourned.

The ladies of Stewarton church entertained the visiting delegates to tea in the Sunday school hall at 6 o'clock.

Evening Meeting.

The evening session opened at 8 o'clock with Rev. Mr. Prettie, Vernon, moderator of the Presbytery, in the chair.

The reports from the Presbyterial were presented and adopted, after which the Hiawatha quartette gave a selection.

Rev. J. G. Greig, of Cumberland, extended the greetings of the Presbytery to the convention and spoke briefly on the advance of the work during the past twenty-one years and also of the bright outlook for the future. Mr. Greig thought they would see the world evangelized before many years and towards this end were needed women of strength and willingness to devote time and effort to the furthering of the cause.

The chairman then introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Prof. Welsh, D.D., of Montreal College. Dr. Welsh, who has addressed Ottawa audiences before on the behalf of the Canadian Bible Society, received a hearty welcome.

He took as his subject the Interdependence of Nations, giving instances of happenings on a trip to China and Japan 20 years ago and remarking on the development and growth of these countries during that time. He spoke very highly of the Japanese but said: "I believe China has more to do with the destiny of the world than Japan."

On motion of Mrs. J. R. Hill the thanks of the society were tendered to Rev. Prof. Welsh for his inspiring address.

On the afternoon of Wednesday the principal item on the programme was the address by Miss Margaret Craig, of Toronto, on "Work among the Indians and Chinese in Canada." "The Indians are Canadians, if we are," the speaker said; "they are natives of this land, and should inherit the gospel that has been our privilege and it is for us to help them."

Referring to work among Chinese, the speaker said she first became interested in this race at Knox Church, Ottawa, some years ago. She stated that she had been told on good authority that a Chinaman returning to his native land never goes back to heathenism, even if he is not a Christian, so impressed is he by the influence that he has felt among Christians. It is a regrettable fact that the men only suffer in this land at the hands of persons who have not the love of God in their hearts. Miss Craig made a strong appeal for missionary workers to go to the mission field. But one, she said, had gone out of the 26,000 members of this society during the past year. She urged all to pray for this one object. Rev. J. W. H. Milne, brought the proceedings to a close by pronouncing the benediction.

The following are the officers of the society for the ensuing year:—Mrs. H. Alexander, president; vice-presidents, Mesdames J. R. Hill, Mrs. McGregor, and presidents of auxiliaries; treasurer, Miss E. H. Gibson; secretary of mission bands, Miss A. H. Gaggie; recording secretary, Mrs. Geo. Hay; secretary of supplies, Miss Mary Masson; literature secretary, Miss Evans; Tidings secretary, Miss McNicol.

A pleasing feature of one of the sessions was the presentation to Miss E. H. Gibson, by Mrs. Levi Crannell, on behalf of the society, of a set of handsomely bound books, the works studied by the Society during Miss Gibson's term of holding office, which has extended over the last sixteen years. Mrs. Crannell voiced the sentiment of all the members in speaking of Miss Gibson's faithful and untiring work.

At the recent meeting of Hamilton Presbytery it was announced that Binbrook and Saltfleet congregations are now self sustaining, and Rev. T. L. Turnbull, of Oneida, was granted four months' leave of absence on account of ill health.